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OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local Authority 29 July 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Chair opened the meeting at 11:30 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Members in Attendance:

James Dhurrkay
Adrian Gurruwiwi
Diplinga Marika
Fabian Marika
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru
Lirrpiya Mununggurr

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Administration Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

YIR 2025/75 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika
- (b) Notes the apology received from Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika
- (c) Notes Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

YIR 2025/76 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Marika/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

YIR 2025/77 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 May 2026.

2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

YIR 2025/82 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Fabian Marika)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and requests that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

YIR 2025/78 **RESOLVED** (Dipilinga Marika/Fabian Marika)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Supports the call by Council to tackle domestic violence, predominantly against women, and violence against and neglect of children, which is not our culture, by:

- 1. Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.**

2. Working in close collaboration with and support of the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiaro led Northern Territory Government.
3. Engaging with and supporting other Aboriginal controlled organisations, particularly the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation in building a properly coordinated, resourced and effective strategy to support community members to recognise, challenge and prevent further abuse.
4. Supporting local Police officers to hold more sessions with children, boys and girls at the school and public events to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Council Services Manager at every Local Authority Meeting to provide information and updates to members.

YIR 2025/79 **RESOLVED** (Adrian Gurruwiwi/Lirrpiya Mununggurr)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Council Services Manager report.
- b) Supports the holding of a community ceremony to mark the official reopening of the refurbished Yirrkala War Memorial, recognising the significance of the memorial to veterans, their families and the wider community.
- c) It is further recommended that Council Services Manager work with Local Authority members to determine an appropriate date, program and protocol for ceremony.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate.

YIR 2025/81 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru)

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 June 2026 within the Local Authority area.

YIR 2025/84 **RESOLVED** (James Dhurrkay/Lirrpiya Mununggurr)

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 June 2026.

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion with Local Police

YIR 2025/80 **RESOLVED** (Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru/Dipilinga Marika)

That the Local Authority:

a) Notes the updates from the Local Police Department.

b) Invite teachers from Yirrkala Bilingual School and parents on 30 September 2026 Local Authority meeting to discuss how to improve school attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.2 Presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

YIR 2025/83 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/James Dhurrkay)

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

The next meeting is to be held on 30 September 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 2:32 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 29/07/2026.